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Turn the Backyard into a Wildlife Habitat with Hidden Oaks

Visit Hidden Oaks Nature Center on Thursday, August 9, 2007 and learn how to turn your backyard into an eco-friendly haven. From 7 to 8 p.m. staff will provide free information on creating a backyard habitat that the National Wildlife Federation will certify as a genuine wildlife habitat.

Regardless of whether it's a park or an apartment balcony, providing food, shelter and water for area wildlife benefits both humans and animals. Hidden Oaks' program gives valuable insight into the rewards of changing your lawn or balcony into a peaceful, oasis while improving air, water and soil quality in your neighborhood. The perks of turning your backyard into a habitat also include becoming a full member of National Wildlife Federation, which includes a year's subscription to *National Wildlife* magazine.

This how-to crash course on making water sources from materials around the house, supporting native plants and species and certifying your backyard requires a reservation. Call 703-941-1065 or visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hiddenoaks> for more information.

Hidden Oaks Nature Center is located at 7701 Royce Street in Annandale.

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